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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussions with the Department of State on 14 March about ITT

1. On 14 March 1973, Messrs. Houston and Shackley visited the Department of State in order to give Mr. John H. Crimmins, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, a status report on the current state of play in CIA's dialogue with the CIA Senate Committees. Representing the State Department at this meeting were Mr. Crimmins, Mr. Feldman, Mr. Gardner and Mr. Girdler. The session lasted approximately one hour. In this meeting the State Department officers were briefed on CIA's 13 March discussions with the CIA Oversight Committee. In addition, the State Department officers were briefed on CIA's 13 March preliminary discussion with Senator Church.

2. After receiving the data contained in paragraph 1, Mr. Feldman pressed for the receipt of CIA's Memorandum of Conversation which had been written by Mr. Broe at the time that he had held his 1970 conversations with Messrs. Geneen, Gerrity and Merriam of ITT. The Agency representatives took the position that we preferred to reserve our position on this matter until we had talked with Senator Church on 15 March. This response was not totally satisfactory to Mr. Feldman, but he accepted it. Mr. Crimmins in turn pressed for a commitment that CIA would contact him promptly on 15 March to advise him of the outcome of the conversation of that date with Senator Church. It was agreed that Mr. Shackley would contact Mr. Crimmins upon the completion of the 15 March discussions with Senator Church. 25X1

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